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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-22 without prejudice or disclaimer and add Claims 23-45 as follows:

A transformer comprising:

a high voltage winding having turns; and

a low voltage winding having turns, wherein,

each of said high voltage winding and said low voltage winding being magnetically permeable and having a flexible conductor that is configured to contain an electric field, and

